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Dog Enforcement at State Parks

Are dogs allowed on the beach? Yes, and NO.

DOGS ON LEASH ALLOWED AT:

Seaside State Beach

Cardiff State Beach, (South of San Elijo lagoon to Solana Beach, including Seaside Day Use Area)

NO DOGS ALLOWED ANYTIME:

Torrey Pines State Beach,

Torrey Pines State Reserve,

San Elijo State Beach, (from Swami's to the San Elijo lagoon mouth)

South Carlsbad State Beach, (from La Costa Ave to Palomar Airport Road, including North Ponto and South Ponto Day Use areas)

Carlsbad State Beach (AKA Frazee State Beach, from Pine St. south to Cannon Road, including Tamarack parking lot and the power plant area).

These beaches are closed to dogs at all times. These areas are considered to be wildlife habitats and breeding grounds for many coastal animals, migrating birds, and plants, many of which are threatened or endangered. Many animals, such as seals, sea lions, and migratory birds are common sites along the north county beaches.

With constant pressure from increasing population, urban expansion, and development, wildlife habitats are under extreme pressures. These areas under the protection of California State Parks may be among the last open wildlife habitats along the northern San Diego coastline. California State Parks is trying to maintain open and unobstructed ocean views, wildlife

corridors, and wildlife habitats, which are all vital links to the health of San Diego's ecosystem, while maintaining public recreational opportunities. In the last thirty years, over 80 percent of the coastal wetlands have been destroyed, eliminating vital wildlife habitat areas. The beaches, lagoons, and estuaries in San Diego are productive breeding grounds for many ocean fish, birds, plants, and other organisms. The intent of California State Parks is to protect these fragile habitats while balancing recreational opportunities. Public support, with an understanding of the resource value associated with these wildlife habitats, is vital to a healthy tourist economy in San Diego. California State Parks' Enforcement of laws pertaining to dogs on the beach is not new. However, a dramatic increase of violations has led to a strict enforcement policy, which results in an increase of citations.